



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 526

PRINTERS NO. 1156

PRIME SPONSOR: Waugh

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 526, Printer's Number 1156, amends Title 3 (Agriculture) to provide for definitions and requirements for bringing animals to exhibitions. This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 3 (Agriculture), Chapter 25 (Animal Exhibition Sanitation), by adding two definitions related to animal health certificates, specifically Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and Pennsylvania Health Certificate. It also revises the current definition of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship" and renames it "Veterinarian Consultation Relationship. This revised definition adds new language stating the owner or caretaker of the animal has "assumed responsibility to consult a veterinarian..." and agrees to follow the veterinarian's instructions as well as "implementing best management practices intended to reduce and prevent disease."

It also revises the section related to health requirements for animals brought to animal exhibitions by requiring the person to have either a valid Pennsylvania health certificate or an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Another option for the person is a signed statement attesting that a veterinarian consultation relationship exists with each animal being exhibited, if a Pennsylvania health certificate or Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not specifically required under regulations related to domestic animals.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.